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**ALEXANDRIA VA 22313-1450** 

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SUBJECT: Petition No. 13,176 for Rescission of Secrecy Order; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/545,407 to James L. Geer

- 1. The Air Force recommends that applicant's petition for rescission of the Secrecy Order be denied.
- 2. Applicant's grounds for requesting rescission of the Secrecy Order lie in the alleged potential commercial opportunities allegedly rendered unavailable by virtue of the Secrecy Order. Generally, according to 37 CFR Part 5, a petition for rescission should recite any and all facts that would render the Secrecy Order ineffectual or futile. Here, applicant has presented cash flow projections and sales projections as the asserted basis for rescinding the Secrecy Order. The Air Force cannot recommend rescission of a Secrecy Order on the basis of alleged monetary loss to the applicant. Thus, the Air Force recommends that the Secrecy Order remain.

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